

01-17-01

**NILLES & NILLES, S.C.**

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

10/97/00  
JAMES E. NILLES  
DREW J. NILLES  
JAY G. DURST  
JAMIE M. GEHRKE  
MICHAEL PATTON  
LINDA E.B. HANSEN

CHARLOTTE SHAPIRO  
THADDEUS C. STANKOWSKI  
JEROME D. DRABIAK  
MATTHEW C. LOPPNOW

REGISTERED PATENT AGENT:  
LISA A. BRZYCKI

FIRSTSTAR CENTER, SUITE 2000  
777 EAST WISCONSIN AVENUE  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-5345

TELEPHONE: 414.276.0977

FACSIMILE: 414.276.0982

EMAIL: iplaw@nilles-nilles.com

January 16, 2001



Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application  
MULTILAYER LOSSLESS DATA COMPRESSION ACROSS A NETWORK  
Inventor: LIN et al.  
Attorney Docket: 2008.004  
Customer No. 023907

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a United States patent application which includes 11 pages of specification, 28 claims, Abstract of the Disclosure, 5 sheets of formal drawings, and an unexecuted Declaration. Applicant respectfully claim Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The executed Declaration and surcharge for late-filing of the Declaration, the filing fee, and an Assignment will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew C. Loppnow  
Reg. No. 45,314

Certification Under 37 CFR 1.10

Express Mail Label No: EL516555307US

Date of Deposit: January 16, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
Angela M. Weinstock